

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge that claims 1-10 have been allowed.

Claims 11-14 remain rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Singh. As explained in the response filed on November 17, 2006, Singh only discloses pastes produced using typical roll milling techniques. These techniques would not produce a paste “wherein the content of a foreign substance is 15 mg per 20 kg or less,” as claimed in claim 11.

In the advisory Action mailed December 18, 2006, the Examiner stated that the response filed on November 17, 2006, does place the application in condition for allowance because “Applicants’ need [to] demonstrate that the methods of the reference result in pastes with foreign substances outside the claimed range.”

Attached is the declaration of Mr. Kusano, a named inventor in this application. Mr. Kusano prepared pastes according to the examples described in Singh. As described in the declaration, the methods disclosed in Singh produce pastes with a foreign substance content significantly higher than 15 mg per 20 kg. Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art could not obtain a paste with the foreign substance content recited in claim 11 based on the disclosure of Singh.

Since Singh fails to disclose or suggest a paste with the claimed foreign substance content, the rejection of claim 11 should be withdrawn. The rejection of claims 12-14, which depend from claim 11, should be withdrawn for at least the same reason.

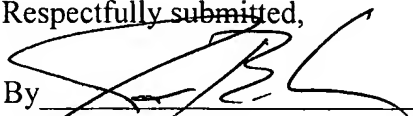
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and

authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **360842010500**.

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